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In Memoriam

John Edward Ohls was born July 24, 1909 in Flint, Mich., and died at his home in San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 23, 1959. Death resulted from a heart attack. Funeral services were held Aug. 26. Mr. Ohls was an electrical inspector for the City and County of San Francisco.

John E. Ohls became interested in numismatics in 1946, and since that time had specialized in commemorative coins of the world. He wrote sev-

* * *

TO MY LOVE

*His good manners
His love of mankind,
These are the things
That attracted me
To a man called John.*

*His ready smile,
His happy blue eyes,
His sincerity, pride, humbleness,
His love and deep devotion,
This was my man John.*

*Now in the quiet afterglow,
These memories I will treasure,
These things I will hold dear,
Of a wonderful sweetheart and husband,
My love, John.*

—Mrs. John E. Ohls.

* * *

eral articles on the subject of his interest for **Calcoin News**, **The Numismatist**, and the **Numismatic Scrapbook**. A student as well as collector, Mr. Ohls possessed an excellent library.

He was elected president of the California State Numismatic Association in April of this year. He was president of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society during 1955-1956, and was life member No. 302 of the American Numismatic Association.

John was a booster of exhibits as the center of all convention activity, and he nearly always displayed material at local, state and national conventions. He was not just a joiner and a goer. He was a doer. He participated actively and with enthusiasm. He enjoyed his hobby to the fullest. Besides exhibiting and writing about his specialty, Mr. Ohls gave talks before many area clubs. He worked earnestly for the cause of numismatics. He was a real numismatist. His loss will be felt by all who knew him. —C.V.K.



JOHN EDWARD OHLS

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Doubled Die Lincoln Cent

By HARRY M. LESSIN, South Norwalk, Conn.

The 1955 doubled die cent, listed now for the first time in the thirteenth edition of the Guidebook, appears to present the only major "error" in the Lincoln head type with wheat reverse. Since its discovery in 1955 there have been brief but constant references to it in numismatic magazines, brought on largely by collector inquiries. Some significant facts as to the cause or reason of occurrence of the die producing them and the area in which discovery or circulation took place have since come to light. They are indeed fascinating and reveal, too, a record of

selflessness for the many collectors having a part in it.

The U. S. Mint already has expressed itself that this is genuine and was struck at the Philadelphia Mint. Needless to state, when the imperfect emissions were revealed on inspections, those appearing in assembly were rejected and the defective die immediately removed. Coinage dies are prepared by forcing, under pressure, a hardened steel hub (positive) into a softened steel blank. Three blows or pressings are required. If the hub is not accurately registered in the die after the first blow, a

doubled impression will result—in much the same manner that a manual but erratic striking of a metal punch will produce blurred or doubled impressions or images on the material to which it is being transferred. It was from such an obverse 1-cent die that this coin was struck.

Specimens came into prominence in 1955 in Massachusetts, in the area of the City of Greenfield. Before long collectors in neighboring clubs, combining their efforts, systematically pored through rolls and rolls of 1955 wrapped cents prepared for distribution by the member banks in the vicinity normally supplied through the Federal Reserve of Boston. They were aided in their efforts—plainly a task of remarkable proportions—to no small extent by a wholehearted cooperation of the banks—a rather amazing trait of many banks, particularly those in smaller communities. This search proved rewarding, specimens coins being discovered in the cities of Greenfield, Amherst, New Bedford, Northampton, Turners Falls and Springfield, to mention several, and in circulation as well. As to the latter they have since appeared in practically all of the New England States, and may be still turning up in change as the cent makes its “unscheduled” journey.

Now, what about the quantity that has been produced? That may never be answered. Whether because they already had been bagged with perfectly executed cents or their emission not immediately revealed or con-

sidered minor, or whether procedural methods at the Mint prevented absolute screening, the occurrence in uncirculated rolls—anywhere from one to seven coins turned up in any single roll examined in this fashion—suggests that while not abundant, they are obtainable. Collectors who embarked on the search shortly after their appearance may have concluded that the number probably released—based solely on the bags or rolls examined and the rate of find per roll, a somewhat conjectural method of count—was 3000. It will be interesting to observe if any will turn up in other areas, however remote, as the years intervene. In any event some 350 or more uncirculated specimens were retrieved by collectors on the hunt. Selling at first in local clubs for a dollar or less, demand soon outstripped the supply, resulting in higher recorded prices.

Not a “deliberate” variety as is the 1942/1 dime but more easily read, nor so easy to imitate as the 1937 3-legged Buffalo, the 1955 doubled die obverse Lincoln may prove to be a most interesting contemporary “error.” Its constancy of occurrence and the uniformity of all specimens from this die make it a true error as distinguished from coins formerly classified as freaks. In all specimens—and the writer has examined several hundred—the dies appear rotated by a handful of degrees. With the recent retirement of the Lincoln cent reverse, it now stands as the only major error or variety in this coin.

HISTORIAN'S NOTES

Assistant historian for the 25th (silver) semi-annual Cal State convention will be Jack Reberry, 3679 Ivydale Ct., Pasadena. Reberry is past president of the San Gabriel Coin Club. Jack or I will be very glad to receive any articles, pictures, or other material of numismatic interest for the convention scrapbook.

I wish to express my thanks to Ed Fogler, Bill Weber, Slim Dunbar, and to anyone I may have forgotten to mention, for the numismatic material they have given me.

I have a new want list for Depression Scrip issues of **Calcoin News** (starting with Vol. 12, No. 2) as well as for other issues. Will anyone who has **Calcoins** which he does not plan to keep please send them to me?

JOHN EDWARD OHLS

Friends and club members were deeply saddened by the sudden death of John E. Ohls Aug. 23. John lived in the Bay Area for a number of years and was employed as electrical inspector for the City and County of San Francisco.

On April 12 of this year he took office as seventh president of the CSNA. He was a past president of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and life member No. 302 of the American Numismatic Association. A biographical sketch appears in Vol. 8, No. 3 (Who's Who section). John was very well liked by all and will be greatly missed.

—ERICH WERLING

Canadian Coins

By PAUL H. HAMM, San Diego

I would like to acknowledge my thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marles of Calgary, Canada, for their kind permission to use extracts from the Canadian Bulletin. I also wish to thank them for the help they gave me in obtaining information about Canada and Canadian coins. To quote Mr. Marles: "We believe knowledge is a valuable commodity but that it is meant to be shared, not hoarded." In this I wholeheartedly concur.

Canadian numismatics has made such tremendous gains during the past four or five years that it might be interesting to hear a little about the coins and coinage of our neighbors to the north. To become interested in the coinage of any country one must know some of the history of that country and, as always, will find that important events of any nation are reflected in the designs and wording on its coins.

Since Canada and the United States were discovered and settled by the same peoples, it is not at all surprising to find the history of Canadian money closely paralleling that of our own. In the early days of colonization and the settling of the Canadian wilderness, media of exchange were furs, Indian wampum, etc., as was true also in the New England colonies. Later we find the hodge-podge of coins of a great number of foreign nations used in carrying on trade. The Spanish milled dollar with its divisional parts was accepted above all others, as it was in most of the world at that time. These coins were followed closely by those of England and France, which had found their way into the country quite naturally, since immigrants from these two countries in most part were responsible for developing this wilderness into the great country it has become.

If we ignore the Norsemen, who reputedly sailed to the coast of North America in the eleventh century, John Cabot, sailing under the English flag in the good ship "Mathew," is the one history honors for first having found the coast of what is now Canada when he discovered Newfoundland in 1497. For this feat he was given 10 pounds by Queen Elizabeth I, which at the present rate of exchange would be \$28.

My subject is the coins of Canada since the Confederation of the sep-

arate provinces into the Dominion of Canada, so I will skip the period when the provinces used tokens that either were issued by the province itself, or by banks or trading posts and sometimes individuals, to help carry on trade during the difficult times of colonization. I will start with 1864, at which time the Conference took place in the city of Charlottetown, capital of Prince Edward Island.

Charlottetown is one of the most beautiful places in Canada. Its quiet, beautiful streets are symbolic of the peaceful birth of Canada. At the very time confederation was being worked out, headlines in the newspapers screamed out stories of the United States Civil War. It took the next three years to complete the work of confederation. In 1867 Canada became the first British colony to emerge as a self governing country in the commonwealth of nations. It is noteworthy that it gained its independent status by evolution and not by revolution. Let me point out that Canada's status as a completely independent nation has been attained and was referred to at the Imperial Conference of 1926 as follows: "Autonomous communities within the British Empire, equal in status, though united by a common allegiance to the Crown."

A few years before the confederation of 1867, in fact in 1858, the two largest provinces, Upper and Lower Canada, or as we know them today, Ontario and Quebec, had united and formed the Province of Canada and coins were issued for the first time. These, the first coins of Canada, also were issued in 1859. We will ignore these, however, and go on to 1870, at which time the first coins of the Dominion of Canada were issued. At that time there were minted and issued 5-, 10-, 25- and 50-cent coins, all in silver. The first cents were not

minted until 1876 because the large amount of coppers issued in 1858 and 1859 by the Province of Canada were sufficient to meet demands. These coins all bear the portrait of Queen Victoria on obverse and, like the monarch whose features they bear, proved to be strong and long-lived.

Queen Victoria, who became one of the British Empire's greatest rulers, reigned from 1837 to 1901, and although inheriting the throne at a time when the monarchy was unpopular and although she herself at times increased the unpopularity in the early part of her reign—was destined to see her empire become one of the leading nations of the world. By bringing the tradition of royal service to the people, and setting the example of a fine moral code and courage to inspire her people, she became a truly great monarch.

It is interesting to note that at the time of Victoria's birth in 1819 her parents, the Duke and Duchess of Kent, were so poor they had to borrow money to travel from continental Europe to England so that their baby could be born on English soil. At that time, which was during the reign of George III, the possibility of young Victoria ascending the throne did not seem at all likely. In quick succession, however, George III, George IV and William IV died. Victoria was crowned at age 18.

Coins of Canada, like those of countries which make up the British empire, bear the likeness of the ruling monarch during the years of his reign. From 1873 to 1901 all Canadian coins have Queen Victoria's portrait. Because of her long reign three different portraits were used. First were the ones called "Young Head," showing her as a young girl. Later, the "Middle Age Head" was used, and still later, the "Old Head." She faces left; around the edge, Victoria Dei Gratia, Regent. On reverse are denomination and date, a wreath of maple leaves appearing on either side. The maple leaf is the symbol of Canada. A small crown always appears at the extreme top of the reverse. All coins were struck in England; those without mint mark at the Tower Mint, London, and those bearing the mint mark "H" at Heaton's Mint, Birmingham.

In 1902 the first coins of Edward VII were issued and the obverse, of course, bears his likeness facing right.

The design of the coins on the reverse is the same as for those of Victoria. Several minor varieties are to be found on some of the coins of both Victoria and Edward VII. The only major variety, however, is that of the 5-cent silver piece of 1902, on which appears the same crown as was found on the reverse of those of Queen Victoria coins. This often is referred to as "Edward's coins with the Queen's crown." This is not true as it is the regal crown and was used not only by Victoria but by several kings before her on their coins. After 1902 Edward's coins all carry the Imperial Crown. As dies were not ready for the new coin in 1902, the reverse die of 1901 was used. The only thing of note in this type is the fact that in 1908 the Royal Canadian Mint was established at Ottawa and thereafter all Canadian coins were minted at that mint and bear no mint mark.

The third type of Canadian coins is that of George V, 1911-1936. Here we find the greatest change in Canadian coins of any period. First are the so-called "Godless" or "Graceless" coins of 1911. On the coins of 1911 "Dei Gratia" was omitted and this resulted in much criticism. The people did not like the change of a tradition that was hundreds of years old—the belief that their Kings ruled by Grace of God and a "fact" stated on their coins. At any rate, we find Dei Gratia again appearing on the coins of 1912 to the present. The letters D.G. are now used, however, rather than the full spelling.

Another change that took place under George V was coinage of the 5-cent nickel which began in 1922 and replaced the 5-cent silver piece. Also, the small cent first appeared in 1920 to replace the large cent that had been used before. The Maple Leaf, which is the symbol of Canada and has appeared on all of her coins, here gained much prominence by appearing on both the nickel and cent in large size. Canadian gold pieces in denominations of \$5 and \$10 made their appearance for the first time under George V. These were minted in 1912, 1913 and 1914. All are rather scarce.

TO BE CONTINUED

—CSNA—

Selling ancient coins is illegal in Italy.



THERE'S MONEY IN ART!

Bank Mosaic Shows Rare Coins

A huge tile coin mosaic, decorating the front of the First-Willow Office of the First National Bank of San Jose, was completed in September.

The gigantic mosaic, covering more than 500 square feet of the building front facing the intersection of South First and Willow Sts., was 16 months in design and preparation, and contains more than 112,000 pieces of imported Italian tile.

Through the use of unusual shapes and color combinations, Mrs. Mary Henry of Los Altos designed the mosaic to catch the eye at a distance. As the viewer moves closer, the detail of seven rare coins is revealed.

Each coin, the bronze Indian head cent, 2-, 25- and 50-cent pieces, and \$2½, \$5 and \$20 gold pieces, is done in the Byzantine smalti technique, originally used in eleventh and twelfth century mosaic work. Al-

though greatly enlarged, varying in size from 18 to 31 inches in diameter, the coins are proportionate to one another in relation to sizes of the coins themselves.

In order to give a realistic appearance, small pieces of tile in the coins are treated with real gold, silver or copper foil fused to the ceramic, and then protected with a thin coating of glass. Most coins in the mosaic are collectors' items.

Mrs. Henry first attached the tile face down on paper. Then, slab by slab, portions of the mosaic were imbedded on the bank wall. Paper was removed later to reveal design.

"Those who appreciate modern art will see it as a modern work, while those who are more realistic will be attracted to details and the less abstract appearance of coins," Mrs. Henry said.



Huntington-Sheraton Hotel, State Convention Headquarters

Pasadena Convention

By CHARLES M. JOHNSON

The 25th semi-annual convention of the California State Numismatic Association will be in progress Nov. 5-8, Thursday through Sunday, at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena. The convention committee, composed of a group of veteran convention workers, has planned well the many convention activities, so that nothing will be missing to make the Pasadena meeting one of the top conventions and coin shows.

There still is time for anyone to make arrangements to attend the convention and to participate in its activities by contacting the following:

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Reservations may be obtained by writing or phoning the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena, Calif., and stating that you plan to attend the CSNA convention. It is advisable to try to stay at the hotel convention headquarters, because the Huntington-Sheraton is located some distance from other hotels. There is ample indoor and outdoor parking. Hotel

rates follow: Single rooms, \$9 to \$10 per day. Twin-bedded rooms (double occupancy), \$6 to \$7 per day per person. Two twin-bedded rooms, share bath (for four), \$5 per day per person. Parlor, \$12 to \$16 per day additional.

LIMOUSINE AND BUS SERVICE

Limousine service is on an hourly basis daily between Los Angeles International Airport and the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena. Bus service to downtown Los Angeles or Pasadena operates on a regular schedule, and connections are maintained with all trains.

DEALERS' BOURSE

Dealers interested in obtaining tables in the bourse section should contact the bourse chairman, Henri Heller, 5611 Cambury, Temple City, Calif. Cost of a bourse table is \$27.50, with requests for reservations accompanied by deposit given preference. At last report a few tables still were available.

EXHIBIT RESERVATIONS

Dan Harley, exhibit chairman, 2129 Arroyo Dr., Pomona, Calif., says "I will do my best to find ample space for every exhibit, large or small." At last report, there still was space available. Please write or call Dan Harley to reserve exhibit cases and space.

TWO-SESSION AUCTION

William H. Smith, proprietor of the Eureka Coin Shop, 678 Geary St., San Francisco, Calif., and convention auctioneer, now has his auction catalog in the mail for everyone on his list. You may get on his list by writing and asking for a catalog.

CLUB OFFICERS' BREAKFAST

Charles Colver, in charge of the club officers' breakfast, urges all coin clubs to have at least one, but preferably more of their officers and other interested persons attend the breakfast, which has for its purpose the mutual exchange of ideas to improve coin clubs by developing better and more interesting meetings and programs. Anyone with a good idea or who wants ideas for coin club betterment should attend the club officers' breakfast. Tickets may be obtained at the registration desk.

BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT

Herbert Bergen, CSNA president and entertainment chairman, armed with the largest sum ever budgeted for entertainment by CSNA, will disclose his entertainment extravaganza at the banquet.

NUMISMATIC FORUM

Dr. Curtis R. Paxman, forum chairman, announces that Henry Clifford of Los Angeles and Dr. Gleason L. Archer of Pasadena, will be speakers. Clifford, an investment counselor, will talk on pioneer gold coinage. He will use slides to illustrate coins mentioned. Dr. Archer, of the Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, will present an illustrated lecture on coins of the Bible.

ENTERTAINMENT

In addition to the many convention numismatic activities, this column would like to suggest that out of town guests and others wishing to do something different from the usual entertainment extravaganzas offered in Southern California consider one or more of the following places: Padua Hills Theater and Dining Room, which

offers an excellent evening's entertainment with Mexican dancers, music, songs, an excellent dinner and an early California atmosphere; Pasadena Playhouse, a school and theater with the best in dramatic plays, where many movie stars started their careers; Huntington Art Gallery and Gardens, adjacent to Pasadena, with such rarities as Gutenberg Bible, manuscripts annotated by Christopher Columbus, Blue Boy and Pinkie (famous paintings); Japanese Gardens with world's biggest cactus gardens, other beautiful plants and flower displays; Descanso Gardens, near Pasadena in La Canada. There are, of course, the popular old standbys of Disneyland, Knott Ghost Town and Marineland.



RUDY GJUROVICH

... Official Greeter

United States Depression Scrip

A CATALOG, PERIOD OF THE '30s

By RALPH A. MITCHELL and CHARLES V. KAPPEN

Continued From September

COLORADO

Colorado Century of Progress Commission

Second series of Colorado silver dollar-size discs was issued under authority of a joint resolution by the State Committee for Participation in the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago. The state legislature had not provided funds for a Colorado exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair, and principal purpose of the issue was to raise \$60,000, the amount estimated to be necessary for a suitable exhibit. A second aim was to aid in the campaign for a more general use of silver in coinage. The discs were sold locally for \$1 and advertised and sold elsewhere for \$1.25 by the Colorado State Board of Immigration, Denver. Since silver for their use was bought at the current market rate of 28 cents an ounce the slugs, which weighed one ounce each, brought a net profit above silver cost and manufacture of about 65 cents each. Dies for all the tokens were destroyed before the end of the year. Sale of Colorado No. 1 started Feb. 2; No. 2, Feb. 6; and No. 3, Feb. 16. By December 1933 No. 1 was selling for \$3.50, No. 2 for \$2.50, No. 3 for \$1.50, and No. 4 for \$1.25.

1. Obverse, between two circles, ● A CENTURY OF PROGRESS ● above and SOUVENIR below. Great seal of the state of Colorado within the inner circle; above, COLORADO. Reverse inscription, within circle, ● ONE AVDP. OUNCE FINE SILVER ● ; below, 1933. In center, SILVER / WILL RESTORE / PROSPERITY / TO / COLORADO. Plain rough edge. Diameter, 38 mm. Incuse design and lettering. Coin silver. Total made, 300. (Kenney No. 166).
2. Same as No. 1, but words TO COLORADO omitted on reverse. Total made, 2700. (Kenney No. 167).
3. Obverse, between two circles, ● ONE OUNCE OF PURE SILVER ● above; SOUVENIR below. State seal within inner circle; above, COLORADO. Reverse, between two circles, A CENTURY OF PROGRESS above; 1933 between WORLD'S FAIR below. Within inner circle, USE / SILVER / TO RESTORE / PROSPERITY / TRADE MARK / COLO. Incuse design and lettering. Plain but

rounded and polished edge. Diameter slightly more than 38 mm. Pure silver. Total made, 2000. (Kenney No. 168).

4. Obverse, within circle, mining scene; below, USE SILVER TO / RESTORE PROSPERITY. Between edge and circle, * CENTURY OF PROGRESS * above; below, 1833 • WORLD'S FAIR • 1933. Reverse, within circle, state seal, TRADE MARK below. Between edge and circle, *** ONE • OUNCE • OF • PURE • SILVER *** above; COLORADO below. Struck from dies. Pure silver. Plain finished edge. Diameter, 40 mm. (Kenney No. 169).

Colorado Springs

Robbins on the Corner

Robbins on the Corner, a men's clothing store in Colorado Springs, operated by Bertram Robbins and his son, Bertram Robbins Jr., issued a dollar-size disc as an advertising stunt in 1933. Robbins bought 300 of the Pedley-Ryan one ounce silver slugs in Denver (Colorado No. 9, Kenney No. 173), at bullion value. Bertram Jr. took a seat in the front store window one Saturday morning and "coined" the Robbins tokens. A Denver die works had made a punch-type die, which the younger Robbins placed above the words PEDLEY-RYAN & CO. and struck with a heavy hammer. The slugs were backed up with a blacksmith's anvil. A clear impression of the words ROBBINS ON THE CORNER was made. With each purchase in the store, a customer could buy one of the discs for \$1. The entire 300 pieces were sold that one day. It was thought for years that the pieces actually were made by a Denver firm, inasmuch as the slugs are Pedley-Ryan planchets and carry the word DENVER.

5. Same as Colorado No. 9 (Kenney No. 173), but ROBBINS / ON THE / CORNER struck incuse above PEDLEY-RYAN & CO. on obverse. The word ROBBINS is curved, the remaining three words in two straight lines. Plain edge. Diameter, 38 mm. Total issue 300. Not in Kenney.

Denver

Pedley-Ryan and Company

The authors are listing the various metallic pieces issued in considerable variety by Colorado, Montana, Nevada and Texas during the depression era of the early 1930s. In some instances the pieces were made of good silver in the exact size of the silver dollar (Pedley-Ryan & Co.) while others, such as the Montana piece, were slightly larger.

The Pedley-Ryan & Co. disc was the most commonly circulated and was issued in greater variety than was any other silver token or scrip of the 1933-1935 period. In the case of the Pedley-Ryan token, there was a sincere desire on the part of the silver bloc to increase the use and popularity of silver as a medium of exchange. Silver at the time was in very limited demand and bar silver was quoted at 27 cents an ounce. Pedley-Ryan, a Denver investment house, issued the first silver token Jan. 5, 1933, in its "Buy-an-Ounce-of-Silver" campaign. The pieces were struck on flat rimless silver planchets with plain edges in the exact size of the silver dollar. They contained one ounce of silver — 430 grains 99 per cent fine. The investment firm sold the discs three for \$1. It was hoped that within a short time silver would reach a ratio of 16 to 1 and that the slugs actually would be worth \$1. Pedley-Ryan was to redeem them

at prevailing market prices of silver. Chief characteristic of the disc was a value for its metal content. The campaign enabled even the smallest investor to speculate. Before, only 1000-ounce silver bars were obtainable, and they had been sold only since summer 1932. Before 1932 the minimum amount of silver traded in on the big markets for actual delivery was 25,000 ounces. The campaign ended in late summer and Pedley-Ryan sold bars of 1000 ounces only after that time.

Although it had been hoped that silver would reach a 16 to 1 ratio, what actually happened was that the collective instinct of several thousand coin collectors soon made the pieces worth much more than the hoped for value of \$1. Today it is practically impossible to form a complete collection of all varieties of the Pedley-Ryan pieces. One or two varieties bring more than \$100 each and even so are difficult to obtain.

Because these and other metallic issues to be described later were issued during the depression years; because they were of approximately dollar size and of good silver; and because in most cases they were useable as silver dollars, the authors include them as "metallic scrip" or "emergency money" of the depression years.

6. Obverse, PEDLEY-RYAN & CO. / DENVER. Reverse, same. Incuse lettering. Plain edge. Diameter, 38 mm. Issued Jan. 5, 1933. (Kenney No. 170).
7. Obverse same as No. 6. Reverse, ONE OUNCE / SILVER / 90% FINE. Incuse lettering. Plain edge. Diameter, 38 mm. Issued Jan. 6, 1933. Total issue, 15. (Kenney No. 171). This variety was quickly withdrawn when it was found that an error had been made. The line 90% FINE should have read 99% FINE. The word FINE was chiseled out and the altered die was used to satisfy boosters of the ounce-of-silver movement present.
8. Same as No. 7, but word FINE omitted. Fewer than 85 pieces were struck. (Kenney No. 172).
9. Obverse, PEDLEY-RYAN & CO. / DENVER. Reverse, 1933 / SILVER / 430 GRAINS. Incuse figures and lettering. Plain edge. Issue began Jan. 7, 1933. Although this is the variety most often encountered by the collector, Kenney states that only 50 were made. Diameter, 38 mm. (Kenney No. 173).
10. Obverse legend, *** ONE TROY OUNCE 999 FINE SILVER ***; below, 1933. Within circle, frosted center, 480 / GRAINS / 999 FINE / scroll / PEDLEY-RYAN / & CO. / DENVER, COLO. Reverse, within circle, frosted center, BIMETALLISM / 16-1 / MEANS VALUE / OF THIS TOKEN / WOULD BE / \$1.29. Legend, * SILVER THE KEY TO PROSPERITY *; below, THE WORLD OVER. Plain edge. Struck from dies. Issue began in June 1933. (Kenney No. 174).

Durango

Durango Community Council

3½ x 5⅝ in.

Undated (January 1933). Printed on light green Hammermill safety paper. Within green ornamental border, large denomination, also in green. In dark brown overlay printing: COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCRIPT / Redeemable in MERCHANDISE / At Community Council Warehouse / DURANGO COMMUNITY COUNCIL. Handwritten signature of Florence Ruffe

PLATE 19



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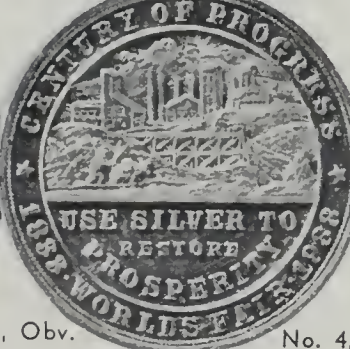
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8, 9, Obv.



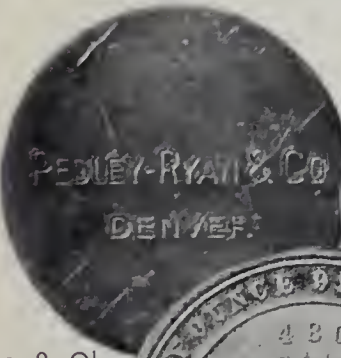
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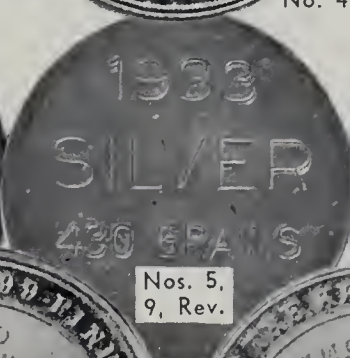
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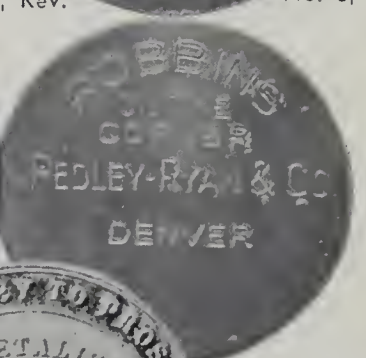
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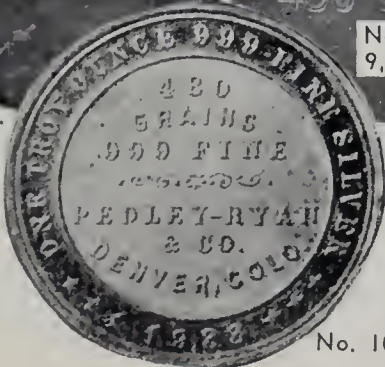
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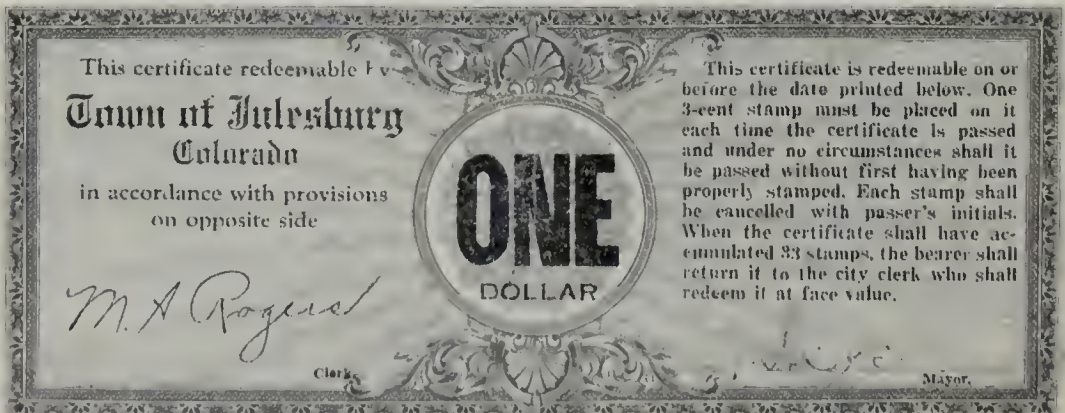
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At Sight The Golden Welfare Association Will Pay							
\$1.00 In United States Currency After 50-Two Cent Welfare Stamps Have Been Affixed and Duly Cancelled.							
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Must Be Presented for Redemption 30 Days After Cmt.

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COLORADO No. 14



COLORADO No. 16

PLATE 21

\$1.00	FIRST ISSUE	FEBRUARY 20, 1933	\$1.00
CITY OF STERLING, COLORADO			
ONE DOLLAR VALUE			
No. 431			
SCRIP CERTIFICATE			
ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYED			
THIS SCRIP CERTIFICATE MAY BE REDEEMED AT ANY TIME AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK PROVIDED 39 THREE-CENT SCRIP CERTIFICATE STAMPS ARE AFFIXED TO BACK HEREOF.			
NOT REDEEMABLE AFTER ONE YEAR			
\$1.00	<i>R. M. Luce</i> CITY CLERK	<i>Geo. M. Galy</i> MAYOR	\$1.00

COLORADO No. 17

\$10⁰⁰	No. C 499	\$10⁰⁰
COMMERCIAL SAVINGS BANK		
OF STERLING, COLORADO		
<i>Will pay, TEN DOLLARS to Bearer</i> <i>in conformity with a Resolution adopted by its Board of Directors on</i> <i>March 7, 1933, herein by this reference incorporated, on file at its office.</i>		
COMMERCIAL SAVINGS BANK OF STERLING		
PRESIDENT		CASHIER

COLORADO No. 20

\$5⁰⁰	No. B 24	\$5⁰⁰
THE SECURITY STATE BANK		
OF STERLING, COLORADO		
<i>Will pay FIVE DOLLARS to Bearer</i> <i>in conformity with a Resolution adopted by its Board of Directors on</i> <i>March 7, 1933, herein by this reference incorporated, on file at its office.</i>		
THE SECURITY STATE BANK OF STERLING		
<i>Al J. Moore</i> PRESIDENT		<i>J. A. Lutz</i> CASHIER

COLORADO No. 22

PLATE 22

 **PROSPERITY CHECK** No. 71
ISSUED BY
Sterling Lions Club
STERLING COLO. Feb. 24 1933
 Pay to the Order of Edward V. Dickinson **\$1.00**
 + + + **ONE AND NO HUNDREDTHS DOLLARS** + + +
REDEEMABLE AT FACE VALUE AT
THE SECURITY STATE BANK
STERLING, COLORADO
52-450
AFTER TWENTY FIVE ENDORSEMENTS
APPEAR ON THE BACK HEREOF
 By [Signature] SECRETARY
LIONS PROSPERITY FUND

COLORADO No. 23

Warren Harding High School



Stamp Club

THIS CERTIFICATE IS REDEEMABLE
AT ANY TIME IN UNUSED UNITED
STATES POSTAGE STAMPS.

Sponsor Treasurer

CONNECTICUT No. 1

\$1 **A** **1503** **\$1**
 New Britain, Conn.,
PAY ROLL ORDER
 To the Treasurer of Union Manufacturing Company:
 Pay BEARER **ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00)**
 in current funds or Clearing House Certificate.
 UNION MANUFACTURING COMPANY
 Payable at New Britain National Bank
 after the
 expiration of the Bank Holidays.
 Pay Officer [Signature]

CONNECTICUT No. 14

or of F. W. (Fred) Kroeger, council chairman. Reverse plain. Printed by Durango News.

11. 5 cents. 12. 10 cents. 13. 25 cents.

Durango organized a "Two-Bit Club," of which 90 per cent of the employed men and women of the town were members. Each gave 25 cents a week to the community chest. Unemployed persons were hired by the council to work on civic improvement projects, being paid from the fund in scrip, which could be used in payment for food, clothing and fuel at the council store.

Golden

Golden Welfare Association

3 $\frac{3}{8}$ x 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.

Undated (early March 1933). Printed in black on light green check-type safety paper. Hand signed by E. J. Cipeo, president, and W. G. Duvall, treasurer. Serially numbered by machine in red. Stamp type, spaces for 50 2-cent welfare stamps, 25 on obverse and 25 on reverse. Redemption limit 30 days after issue.

14. \$1.

Julesburg

Town of Julesburg

3 $\frac{1}{8}$ x 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.

Various dates, entered in ink (July 20, 1933; Sept. 2, 1933). Redemption date limit (stamped) Sept. 30, 1933. Fifty cent denomination printed by Goes in dark green on white paper with orange ornamental background and border. One dollar denomination printed in black on white paper with green ornamental background and border. Denomination in circle, center of certificate. Printed signature of M. A. Rogers, clerk, and handwritten signature of R. S. Dye, mayor. Redeemable at face value at the office of the city clerk when 33 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -cent stamps affixed to reverse of the 50-cent or 33 3-cent stamps affixed to reverse of the \$1 denomination. Ornamental reverses in obverse colors.

15. 50 cents. 16. \$1.

Sterling

City of Sterling

3 x 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Dated Feb. 20, 1933. Printed in black on light yellow paper. Green ornamental background on obverse. Printed signatures of H. M. Kruec, city clerk, and George Z. M. Culey Jr., mayor. Spaces on reverse for 33 3-cent stamps. Redemption limit one year from date of issue. Total issue 500. Redeemed by city at large loss.

17. \$1.

Commercial Savings Bank

2 $\frac{5}{8}$ x 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Undated. Authorized by resolution of board of directors March 7, 1933. Printed in black on check-type safety paper, \$1, Series A, yellow; \$5, Series B, gray; and \$10, Series C, pink. Serially numbered by machine in red. Unsigned. Reverses plain.

18. \$1. 19. \$5. 20. \$10.

Security State Bank

25/8 x 61/4 in.

Undated. Authorized by resolution of board of directors March 7, 1933. Printed in black on check-type safety paper, \$1, Series A, yellow; \$5, Series B, gray. Serially numbered by machine in red. Hand signed by Roy E. Smith, vice president, or R. A. Towne, president, and G. C. Luti, cashier. Reverses plain. Not more than 140 actually placed in circulation (one day only) before issue was stopped by bank. Scrip issued to depositors following Bank Holiday in lieu of cash on deposit. All checks presented for payment redeemed.

21. \$1. 22. \$5.

Sterling Lions Club, prosperity check

31/8 x 83/8 in.

Hand dated in ink (Jan. 31, 1933; Feb. 3, 1933). Printed in purple on yellow check-type safety paper, rouletted at left end. Lions Club emblem in upper left corner. Printed serial numbers. Hand signed by C. F. Poole, secretary. Redeemable at face value at the Security State Bank when 25 endorsements had been made after numbered spaces on reverse. Each member of the Lions Club put money into a "Lions Prosperity Fund" at the bank, for which he was issued \$1 checks against the money on deposit. Checks were spent with local merchants. The scrip plan, a project of Dean H. Dowis, Sterling insurance agent, had as its purpose to make \$1 do the work of \$25. Total placed in circulation, \$100, redeemed. Plan successful.

23. \$1.

TO BE CONTINUED

New State Officers



HERBERT M. BERGEN
... State President



DOLLY ANN OHLS
... Vice President

Who's Who In California Numismatics

◆
EDWARD GANS
◆

By R. G. McARTHUR

A recognized authority on ancient and medieval coins, including the medallic art of the Renaissance, Edward Gans is known widely as "the dealer who handles everything but American coins."

Gans was born in Hamburg, Germany, Aug. 27, 1887. He was married in 1930 to Asya Marshak. They have one daughter, Lydia, wife of Fred Moore. Lydia presently is in Los Angeles, studying calculus and working for a master's degree. The Gans have three grandchildren, 1, 2 and 4 years of age.

Having lost his father when 6 years of age, young Edward was unable to fulfill his ambition of studying chemistry. Instead, at age 15, he was forced to quit school and become an apprentice in one of the great export firms. "I was proud when I made \$75 during the last year of my apprenticeship," Gans said. During the following four years, Ed headed the firm's Far Eastern Department.

In 1909, Gans became a junior partner in his late brother's banking business. Located in Berlin, the firm was European branch manager for several companies, including Newborg & Co. of New York. The outbreak of World War I ended this venture.

After two years of limited service (due to impaired hearing) in the German Army, Ed again entered the banking business. For seven years he was president of the Deutsche Laenderbank, housebank of the I. G. Farben concern and then reopened his own banking firm. "I weathered the depression and the banking crisis successfully and the Deutsche Reichsbank appointed my firm as the only new one to be admitted to deal in 'First Bank Acceptances.' At the



same time, I was president or member of the board of various German and Swiss insurance companies."

Realizing that a change was imminent with the advent of the Nazi regime, Gans tendered resignations to his various institutions. Although rejected for two years, they eventually were accepted in 1935-36. Eighteen months of extensive traveling followed, ending with emigration to the United States in January 1938. Arriving in New York, minus most of their possessions, Mr. and Mrs. Gans were at first a little bewildered and uncertain as to their future. Although a banker for 30 years, "my interest was ART, art in all its ramifications. I had started as a collector of Chinese porcelain; later on I had switched to archaeological objects of art, guided by my late friend Dr. Philip Lederer, who aroused my interest in numismatics."

After a short period of teaching music, selling bonds and insurance, with indifferent success, "the miracle happened." Through a friend, an American dentist, Gans met Julio Metal, a former buyer of gold coins for the Bank of Spain. Metal was fascinated by the Gans collection of 100 Roman aurei and insisted on a mutual undertaking. With the Gans collection as a nucleus and financed by Metal, the firm "Numismatic Fine Arts" was founded.

From a humble start, in one room at Columbus Circle, New York, just a little more than 20 years ago, it has been for Gans a hard but most gratifying road upward. Entrusted with the sale of the entire stock of the firm of Leo Hambruger, Frankfurt A.M., and of Dr. H. Nussbaum, Zurich, Ed followed with other well known collections and in 1945, in conjunction with Henry Grunthal, Gans' first mail auction sale was held. Twelve more such auctions followed, crowned by the great ANA convention sale, held in 1952, conducted by Gans and two colleagues.

While visiting their daughter, then a student at the University of California, both Mr. and Mrs. Gans fell in love with California. "We now decided to let our dream come true. We built our little house on the Berkeley hills, overlooking the San Francisco Bay, and moved into it in the spring of 1953." Ed is quite proud, and justly so, of his studio and its library consisting of several thousand numismatic works.

Here, in the Berkeley studio, Gans spent two years writing the catalogs of the Grand Duke George Mikhailovich collection, consisting of 14,000 coins and medals. The entire collection was sold en bloc to the satisfac-

tion of all parties concerned.

Recently Gans acquired, together with Paul H. Wittlin, the collection of Greek coins of George J. Bauer, former ANA president. Part of this collection was included in the splendid exhibit of more than 500 coins, in some 15 well-lighted cases, displayed by Gans at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco recently. This numismatic exhibit, well supplemented by maps and descriptions, was open to the public for seven weeks and was viewed by thousands of persons.

After 20 years of consistent work, Mr. and Mrs. Gans took a well deserved vacation and in 1958 visited Israel and eight European countries. As vice president, so nominated by American colleagues, Gans attended the Congress of the International Association of Professional Numismatists in Vienna. Also visited were many public and private collections in Athens, Rome, the Vatican, Vienna, Munich, Paris and London.

"It is California now and for the rest of my life. This is the finest country in the world, thanks to its sunshine, thanks to its fine people, thanks to the CSNA and thanks to the many fine friends I have made here."

State Convention Program

Thursday, Nov. 5

10:00 a.m. Registration, Ballroom
foyer
Winn Osborne, chairman
Placement of exhibits and
bourse, Ballroom.

Friday, Nov. 6

9:00 a.m. Registration continues,
Ballroom foyer.
1:30 p.m. First auction session, Mirror
Room.
William H. Smith, conductor.
2:00 p.m. Optional tour of Hunting-
ton Library.
7:00 p.m. Numismatic Forum, Mez-
zanine Room.
Dr. Curtis R. Paxman,
chairman.

Saturday, Nov. 7

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast,
Club Officers, Mirror
Room.

Charles G. Colver, chair-
man.

9:00 a.m. Registration continues,
Ballroom foyer.

10:30 a.m. Business meeting, all
CSNA members, Mezza-
nine Room.

1:30 p.m. Second auction session,
Mirror Room.
William H. Smith, conduc-
tor.

7:00 p.m. Banquet — Presentation of
Awards, Crystal Room.

Sunday, Nov. 8

9:00 a.m. Registration continues,
Ballroom foyer.

12:00 noon Post Mortem Luncheon,
Shiproom.
Dr. Calvert L. Emmons,
chairman.

2:00 p.m. Convention officially
closes.

Portland ANA Convention

Californians were much in evidence at the American Numismatic Association convention in Portland, Ore., Aug. 26-29. Many arrived several days before the convention and stayed afterward to enjoy Portland and the Oregon Centennial celebration. Convention registration, 828, exceeded preliminary estimates. Although this was considerably under the Los Angeles record, it still was substantial for ANA conventions. Banquet attendance was 407.

Officers elected were Adm. O. H. Dodson, president; C. C. Shroyer, first vice president; Matt H. Rothert, second vice president; Lewis M. Reagan, general secretary; Harold R. Klein, treasurer; and John J. Pittman, P. K. Anderson, Col. J. W. Curtis, Robert



ROBERT G. McARTHUR
... ANA Board Member

G. McArthur and Arthur Sipe, board members. With the election of McArthur, California is represented in the ANA official family for the first time since Leonel C. Panosh completed his term as president two years ago. Herbert M. Bergen ran a good race for the second vice presidency, the vote being 3523 to 2418.

Californians carried home several exhibit awards, Clifford L. Liss of San Francisco receiving the Howland Wood Memorial Award for best-in-show. Charles M. Johnson of Long Beach won first place for paper money and was awarded the Amon Carter Memorial Plaque. Mrs. Leonel C. Panosh of San Diego won second

place for medals, orders and decorations; Eugene Cooper of San Diego, second place for foreign coins prior to 1500; and Michael Carr of Vallejo, third place for paper money.

The Liss exhibit consisted of coins of the Philippines under U. S. sovereignty and coins of the U. S. commemorating the Declaration of Independence.

Donald Smyser of Downey received honorable mention in the Heath Literary Awards competition. The East Bay Coin Club, Oakland, won second place for Class A clubs for National Coin Week activities.

When the ANA convention was held in Los Angeles last year the Oregon Numismatic Society sent roses for favors at the convention banquet. This year the Orange County Coin Club returned the favor with California oranges and each Portland banquet guest received an orange.

There were no bored wives accompanying their coin collecting husbands to the Portland convention. Everywhere, appreciative reports circulated on the outstanding program of trips, parties, luncheons and entertainment for wives of collectors. This program was under the direction of Mrs. William Worth, wife of the convention general chairman. She was assisted by others from Portland who opened the city and their homes in true western hospitality to all convention wives. But how about the husband of a coin collecting wife? No provision was made for this fellow. The time is rapidly approaching, with the growing number of women collectors, when something must be done for the non-collecting husband.

William N. Worth, a longtime member of CSNA who has attended a number of CSNA conventions, was highly praised for his splendid job as convention general chairman. With the help of a hard working committee, cooperation, efficiency and planning was everywhere in evidence in the smooth functioning of the convention.

—Charles M. Johnson

—CSNA—

The metal nickel was named for the devil. The tough, heat-resistant metal clogged copper smelters in eighteenth century Saxony. Exasperated miners called it "Old Nick's Copper."

Club News, Views and Whos

SOUTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS

By **CHARLES M. JOHNSON**

With the summer vacation period over and kids back in school, Southern California coin clubs and hobbyists are directing their attention toward a variety of numismatic activities. Big event for the fall season will take place Nov. 5-8, when California numismatists gather for the semi-annual state convention at the beautiful Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena. See story about the convention in this issue.

WEST VALLEY COINORAMA

Active West Valley Coin Club in Reseda is leading the list of club activities this fall with a big all-day coin show Sept. 27. Local newspapers, posters and other media are advertising the affair, and a long list of local merchants have donated prizes. President **Paul Newell** of West Valley says, "This community level affair will be an annual event to tell the local community about coins, coin collecting and local coin clubs."

The promoters of Coinorama say, "Not only will there be the newest '59 models, but those dating back to 500 B. C. will be shown."

Program for the event should interest all numismatists:

10:30 a.m. Exhibit awarding by **Laurence Brown**.

11 a.m. A short introduction to ancient coin collecting by **Harold Donald**.

12 A summary of exhibits by **Paul Newell**.

11:45 a.m. Introduction of WVCC bourse dealers and numismatic leaders.

12 First auction session, Lots 1-50.

1:45 p.m. **George Bande** will speak on Confederate Currency.

2 p.m. Second session of auction, Lots 51-110.

3:45 p.m. **Ruth Johnson** will speak on U. S. Commemoratives.

4 p.m. Drawing—Gold and many valuable items.

5 p.m. Third session of auction, Lots 111-200.

SAN DIEGO'S COINARAMA

Next outstanding event will be San Diego's second annual Coinarama, to be held Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Lafayette Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, with all coin clubs in the area sponsoring the coin show. This event was so successful and well attended last year that the seven coin clubs in San Diego County have organized the San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council for the purpose of conducting the annual Coinarama and other joint numismatic affairs. They have adopted a charter and by-laws. Old officers of last year's Coinarama committee were installed as new officers of the new organization, as follows: President, **Francis S. Jones**; Vice President, **Paul Hamm**; Secretary, **Theron Scott**, and Treasurer, **Leonel C. Panosh**. Club delegates are: Astronautics Coiners, **Theron Scott**, **Jerry Beavers**; Convair Coin Club, **Joe Miller**, **Vince Bacon**; Foresters Coin Club, **Clyde Payne**, **Forrest Hogue**; Oceanside-Carlsbad Coin Club, **Dale Joslyn**; La Mesa Numismatic Society, **A. F. Andersen**, **Don McAlexander**; Ryan Coin Club, **Bill Tragsdorf**, **Douglas Decker**; and San Diego Numismatic Society, **Paul Hamm**, **James Andersen**.

SANTA BARBARA COINARAMA

On Aug. 9 the Santa Barbara Coin Club held its Coinarama at the Carrillo Hotel with an all-day coin gathering featuring auction, bourse and numismatic fellowship. The Coinarama was timed to precede the popular "Annual Spanish Days Fiesta Celebration," billed by Santa Barbara as its largest community affair and queen of all fiestas. Fifteen bourse dealers held space. **Ray Bauer** of Ojai was general chairman.

RYAN COIN CLUB BANQUET

Lt. O. J. Roed of the San Diego Police Department spoke on "Protecting Your Possessions" at the Installation of Officers Banquet of the Ryan Coin

Club, held in the Cafe Del Ray Moro, Balboa Park, June 13. Lt. Roed said the best way to protect your valuables is to have them stored in a safety deposit box at your bank. He brought up points on how to fool the prowlers and one of them was "Never allow your home to appear that no one is home." That is, always leave a light on and shades halfway down. When you go on vacation, stop all deliveries and have someone pick up your mail, he advised.

Wishart MacFarren, former treasurer of the Los Angeles Coin Club, spoke at the July meeting on "Art and Beauty in Coins." "Coins represent an artistic achievement," he said, "and Greek coins of the period 250-300 B. C. are the most beautiful examples of the coin decorative art ever produced. Numismatists preserve these coins to be handed down for future generations to enjoy," he said. His talk was supplemented by a beautiful display of choice bronze, silver and gold, ancient and modern coins. At the auction following the talk a roll of 1939D Jefferson nickels in very good to fine condition brought \$25 and a roll of uncirculated 1939D nickels, \$45.

Maurice Jensen of Long Beach talked at the August meeting on "Dahlonaga Gold." He recounted the history of the Dahlonaga mint from its inception in 1835 to closing in 1861 during the Civil War. In 1871 fire destroyed the original mint, and the site is now occupied by a school administration building. With the start of the Gold Rush to California in 1848, the miners began to emigrate from Dahlonaga to California. The mayor of Dahlonaga pleaded with them to stay in Dahlonaga, and coined the famous expression, "There's gold in them thar hills." Today Dahlonaga is a quiet town in Georgia with a glorious past.

With President **William Hogue** of the Orange County Coin Club called into the Marine Reserve Corps for a tour of duty shortly before the July meeting, he was unable to present the program for which he had been billed on "Counterfeits." As a substitute, **Charles Colver** brought with him two films made by the Forest Service. These films covered the four recent major forest fires in California, showing views from both ground and air,

and demonstrating various methods of fighting forest and brush fires. Although the subject of these films was far removed from numismatics, it nevertheless was of great interest to the audience, particularly during the summer season. **Eldon H. Knause** conducted the auction.

WEST VALLEY INCORPORATES

As reported by West Valley Coin Club Bulletin:

"West Valley Coin Club is now incorporated as a non-profit corporation. Incorporation is a protective step for our officers and board members as well as the membership in legal matters involving responsibility and ownership.

"We of West Valley are indebted to a fellow numismatist, and attorney at law, who has graciously given his services without charge to incorporate the club. This man has given legal advice and services to other numismatic clubs and associations gratis. He is a past president of the Los Angeles Coin Club and Numismatic Association of Southern California, and holds other offices in numismatic organizations.

"We thank you and take our hats off to you, **Earl Glen Whitehead.**"

Monterey Park Coin Club announces meetings are now being held on the first Monday evening of each month at its new headquarters, American Legion Hall, 338 S. Ramona, Monterey Park.

NEWS OF NEW CLUBS

Upland Coin Club meets third Saturday of the month. Officers are LeRoy E. Myers, president; Ollie Hickman, vice president; Millie Fowers, secretary; and Maxine Wical, treasurer.

Corona Coin Club meets last Friday of the month at First Security Bank, 6th and Pomona, Corona (upstairs, enter from rear of building). Officers are LeRoy Myers, president; Roy Paige, vice president; and Millie Fowers, secretary and acting treasurer.

Fontana Coin Club (five months old) meets second Friday of the month.

Pomona Coin Club held organization meeting Oct. 3 at Woman's Club, Pomona.

SAN DIEGO'S COINARAMA

San Diego County coin collectors will hold their Second Annual "Coinarama" on Sunday, Oct. 18, in the Terrace Room of the Lafayette Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego. The all-day affair will be held from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Featured will be a 200-lot auction in two sessions, bourse, coin exhibits and door prizes.

Registration fee will be low for this event, which is sponsored by the San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council. There will be plenty of free parking around the hotel, and a swimming pool will be available at the hotel for a modest fee.

For further information please contact the following chairmen: Auction—Douglas Decker, 2837 K Ave., National City; Bourse—Thomas McDaniel, 5255 Guessman Ave., La Mesa; Exhibits—Paul Hamm, 3860 Superba St., San Diego 13; General Chairman, Francis S. Jones, 732 Olive Ave., Coronado 18.

SOUTHERN CLUB PROGRAMS

San Bernardino County Coin Club showed the ANA slide set of minor type coins with **Fred Coops** narrating in August, and held a special "Swap Night" in September. Long Beach Coin Club conducted an all-auction night in September, with a two-hour auction. Southern Hub Coin Club is sponsoring a club for younger coin collectors. Bay Cities Coin Club's August meeting featured a 12-display-ease exhibit of foreign coins.

OTHER CLUB SPEAKERS

Sam J. Kabealo, Los Angeles Coin Club in September, "Collecting Proof Coins."

John Stoppelwerth, Garden Grove Coin Club in September, "U. S. Currency"—Lecture and showing of prize winning display.

Dr. Verner Rich, Garden Grove Coin Club in August, "Greek Coins."

William E. Hogue, Orange County and Long Beach Coin Clubs in August, "Counterfeit Money," accompanied by Secret Service sound film on counterfeiting and a large display by Secret Service and himself of counterfeit currency.

San Gabriel Valley Coin Club meets at the Green Hotel in Pasadena on the third Wednesday of the month.

Officers are Alva Christensen, president; Newton Sanders, vice president; Ernest Birkett, recording secretary; William Rueker, acting corresponding secretary; Ward Aleorn, treasurer; and M. H. Bolender, auctioneer.

SOUTHERN PERSONALITIES

After attending the Portland convention, many Californians extended their vacations to other areas. CSNA president **Herbert Bergen** and Mrs. Bergen toured Western United States and Canada. Mr. and Mrs. **W. R. Fanning** of Culver City vacationed in Alaska.

Dr. Curtis Paxman, CSNA director and collector of Canadians, accompanied by his daughter, Marlys, attended the Canadian Numismatic Association convention in Regina early in September, and then vacationed in Victoria, Vancouver and North Dakota, Dr. Paxman's home state.

MITCHELL MOVES SOUTH

Ralph A. (Curly) Mitchell, former CSNA president and co-author of the series of articles on depression scrip now running in **Calcoin News**, has moved from Palo Alto to the Los Angeles area, along with other Tidewater Associated Oil Co. executives, a change brought about by the building and occupancy of the new multi-million dollar Los Angeles headquarters for the company.

Mitchell's new address is 1600 W. Brookdale Place, Fullerton, Calif.

BURKE ON 'COIN INVENTION'

The September issue of **The Numismatist** featured a scholarly article by Bryan O. Burke Jr. on "Invention of Coins." In writing the article, Burke has done a splendid job with the controversial question of who, when and where coins first were invented and used. His discussion marshals the evidence and arrives at a conclusion. His article is well worth reading to see if you agree with his conclusion as to the first coinage.

Burke, who hails from San Bernardino, teaches high school, studies numismatics and takes an active part in Southern California numismatic affairs. He is credited with starting the San Bernardino County Coin Club in 1946 and served as its first president. Recently, as general chairman, he headed the successful CSNA Riverside convention.—Charles M. Johnson.

NORTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS

By DOROTHY E. BEAULIEU

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society had Dealers' Swap Night as theme for the July meeting. There were 30 members and 24 guests. The sound color movie, "Secret Cargo," shown by **David Redfield**, proved of great interest, especially the scenes showing under-sea treasure hunters actually finding a chest of Spanish gold doubloons. There were 11 exhibits.

The August meeting was held at the Sheraton Palace Hotel. The date was advanced one week in order to entertain travelers enroute to the ANA convention in Portland. "Open House" was the theme and refreshments were served. All business was dispensed with and the time devoted to greeting guests and out-of-town members. Among these were **H. A. Lessin** of South Norwalk, Conn.; **Michael Powills**, Chicago; **Dr. Carlo P. Cabibi**, New Orleans; **Kenyon Painter**, Phoenix; **Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brainard**, Los Angeles; and **Robert E. Lee**, Glendale. There were 49 members and guests present.

Charles V. Kappen, editor of *Coin News* magazine, spoke on "The United States Quarter Dollar" Sept. 30.

The meeting was opened and closed in memory of John E. Ohls, past president, who died Aug. 23. Mrs. John E. Ohls opened the meeting by reviewing briefly her husband's interest and participation in numismatics and his activities in the PCNS and the CSNA. After reading a poem, "To My Love," she requested a moment of silence in John's memory. Clifford L. Liss, president, also closed the meeting with a moment of silence.

Displayed at the meeting was President Liss' best-in-show winning exhibit at the Portland ANA convention. It was composed of coins of the Philippines under U. S. sovereignty and of coins and medals of the U. S. commemorative of the Declaration of Independence.

Professor Kappen exhibited a complete type collection of U. S. quarter dollars.

The East Bay Coin Club had an attendance of 42 members and 15 visitors at the August meeting. There were eight exhibitors. **Don Thrall**

spoke on fractional currency. He reviewed problems occasioned by the Civil War and the introduction of the small size notes, first of a philatelic nature with stamps as the designs and including encased postage stamps.

The September meeting was presided over by Past President **Gil Eaton** in the absence of **Roy Hill**. There were 69 members and guests present. ANA slides on Pioneer Gold were shown by **Don Thrall**. **Clifford Bloom** was commentator. **Lewis Moorman** presented the club with the National Coin Week plaque for second place, Class A clubs.

Ronnie Carr was speaker at the September meeting of the Hanford Coin Club. J. O. Stanton of Armona and K. E. Coburn of Dinuba became members. As a result of the club's adoption of the suggestion box idea in August, nine suggestions were turned in at that meeting. Three of these were that the auction be limited to 10 lots, a suggestion approved by the club. There also were suggestions that the selling of auction material be speeded up and that club officers grade the material. It was decided that members should grade their own auction offerings and that any coin the purchaser felt was not properly graded could be refused. Jesse M. Babb and Monty Guterman of Hanford became members in August. Four collectors joined in July: Henry J. Cagle of Tulare, John R. Pereira of Hanford, Frederick O. Peterson of Visalia, and Henry H. Ford of Dinuba.

The August meeting of the Hanford Coin Club featured various methods of mounting and caring for coins. It was pointed out that coins not properly cared for depreciate rapidly in value.

The Southern Pacific Coin Club held its first contest for coin displays during a recent meeting. All exhibits were awarded ribbons with first prize going to **Des Sekany**, second prize to **Myron Rosser** and third prize to **Hazel Iliff**. **Jim Webster** addressed the club on the Carson City Mint.

Lake Tahoe Coin Club held its first Coin Festival Oct. 3 at Harrah's Stateline Country Club. Under the

general chairmanship of **Merle E. Crandall** the extensive program starting at noon included tours of Lake Tahoe, an address by **Roy Hill**, awards, auction and cocktail hour. Theme of the festival was "Fun With Coins."

William Weber, San Jose, spoke at the September meeting of the Discoverer's Coin Club in Sunnyvale. His talk was directed to the junior members of the club on how to start a coin collection. Questions from the floor included methods of cleaning and storing coins.

At a recent meeting of the Santa Cruz Coin Club, President **Oliver Combs** spoke on MacArthur commemoratives. This club meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at Hackley Hall in Santa Cruz.

A dinner meeting was planned at the Aug. 17 meeting of the Merced Coin Club, held at 7 p.m. in the office of the Merced County Library, 22nd and M Sts., Merced. Officers are Richard A. Paulsen, president and librarian; E. L. Upton, vice president; Ben Pelikan, secretary-treasurer and editor of **Coinews**; and Kenneth Bohner, auctioneer.

The annual husband and wives dinner will be held at Celano's, 415 West 25th St.

The August meeting was bourse and swap night for the Vallejo Numismatic Society. Shop was set up in the Spanish Room of the Casa de Vallejo Hotel. Walter Gerth spoke on and exhibited odd and curious media of exchange at the September meeting.

A new auction policy adopted by the club follows:

1. Any member in good standing may consign up to and including five lots. It is recommended that coins of little value be lumped into a single lot.

2. Coins submitted should be in holders or envelopes, with a description of the coin as to date, mint, catalog value, etc., attached.

3. The club percentage for each lot sold shall be 10 per cent with the following exceptions: A minimum charge of 10 cents and a maximum of \$1 will apply.

4. A fee of 10 cents will be charged for any lot "protected"—that is, repurchased by the consignee. The percentage charge does not apply.

5. Anyone may buy at the auction. The Society reserves the right to require written permission from the parents of juniors.

CLUB EXHIBITS AT FAIR

For the twelfth consecutive year, the San Jose Coin Club maintained a booth at the Santa Clara County Fair Sept. 14-20.

George F. Hodges, fair committee chairman, was assisted by **William Stones** and **Richard Rogers**.

Exhibits were made by **Tom Boyce**, "What Coin Collectors Collect"; **Roy Hill**, "In a Mint"; **William Stones**, U. S. commemorative half dollars, early half dollars and Roman coins; **Denis Hooker**, proof sets and gold coins; **Richard Rogers**, German emergency money; **Dorothy Beaulieu**, coins and tokens of Canada; **Eldon Beaulieu**, types of U. S. currency, Confederate and Southern States currency and broken bank notes; **George F. Hodges**, Biblical and ancient coins, early and modern U. S. cents and tokens; **Gary Acquistapace**, "Coins of the World"; **Charles V. Kappen**, "Numismatics of Santa Clara County"; **Rudy Gjurovich**, medals and tokens; **Cody Letsinger**, Confederate money; **John Cobb**, "101 Years of U. S. Cents."

Bourse Night was the theme for San Jose Coin Club's August meeting. There were 11 exhibitors. During the recess a highly decorated birthday cake, replete with 100 candles, was presented to **Roy Hill**.

Other Hobbies Night featured at the September meeting brought forth many interesting exhibits, including stamps, mineral exhibits, dolls, hand crocheted rugs, skin diving equipment, spoons made from coined silver, knives and bayonets and official documents.

CSNA

UNITED STATES LOSES GOLD

In the first quarter of 1959, the United States gold reserve dropped to \$19.53 billion, more than \$3 billion lower than at the end of 1957. In 1958, the U. S. had to yield \$2.3 billion in gold to cover the deficit caused by deterioration of the balance of payments abroad.

NEW STATE OFFICERS

The California State Numismatic Association now has new officers in the positions of president and vice president.

Herbert M. Bergen of Fullerton, Calif., succeeded to the presidency upon the death of John E. Ohls. President Bergen then appointed Mrs. John E. Ohls vice president to complete his unexpired term.

Present at a special meeting of the Executive Board called at Portland, Ore., Aug. 28, were Bergen, Kirk Hill, Clifford Liss, Erich Werling and Dan Harley.

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MEXICAN COIN SOCIETY

Sol Alexander, Long Beach collector of Mexican coins, announces that The Numismatic Society of Puebla. Apartado Postal, Num 329, State of Puebla, Mexico, is being organized under the direction of Antonio Deana Salmeron. Interested persons from other countries are invited to join as corresponding members, dues being \$5 a year. Members will receive an official quarterly bulletin.

DELINQUENTS DROPPED

The secretary's report lists 110 members dropped for non-payment of 1959 or earlier dues. All 110 have been sent dues notices, some as many as three. It is planned to publish the list of delinquents being dropped in the January issue of *Calcoin News*. The list will include all who owe both 1959 and 1960 dues at that time. If you have overlooked payment of 1959 or earlier dues, there still is time to do so before the Nov. 30 deadline for the January *Calcoin News*.

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COLORADO GOLD POKES

As part of Colorado's centennial celebration, small plastic bags of gold dust, mixed with a few impurities, were packaged for sale. These centennial gold pokes sell for 25 cents and were acceptable for merchandise in that amount by business establishments throughout the state May 1 through Sept. 30. Kent Schneider, a Boulder, Colo., engineer, conceived the idea and panned the gold dust from what is left of the old Boulder Mill near Boulder, Colo. Schneider said each sack of ore tailings actually is worth 26 cents.

Secretary's Report

NEW MEMBERS

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| 987 | ASTRONAUTICS COINEERS . . . | CRA Office,..... | Box 1128,
San Diego 12, Calif. |
| 981 | BILLINGS, C. W..... | 1701 N. Broadway, | Santa Maria, Calif. |
| 982 | CASTANEDA, Richard..... | 1688 N. Broadway, | Santa Maria, Calif. |
| 975 | DISCOVERERS COIN CLUB..... | c/o H. R. Flanders,
2290 DePaul Pl., | Santa Clara, Calif. |
| 976 | DUSIO, George..... | 141 Eureka Rd., | Watsonville, Calif. |
| 979 | FUCHS, John..... | 10440 92nd Ave., | Richmond Hill, New York 18, N. Y. |
| 977 | HOOKER, Denis N. | 65 Post St., | San Jose 13, Calif. |
| 980 | JUAREZ, Louis | 149 Lee Dr., | Santa Maria, Calif. |
| 989 | KOCH, Jack R. | Box 802, | Moses Lake, Washington |
| 983 | MARLES, Jack | P. O. Box 833, | Calgary, Canada |
| 984 | PATTERSON, Edith A. | 231 W. Olive, | Inglewood, Calif. |
| 978 | SANTA BARBARA COIN CLUB,
c/o Miss Gwen Sentis, Sec..... | 2019 Mountain Ave., | Santa Barbara, Calif. |
| 988 | SEARS, John D. | 179 10th Ave., | San Francisco 18, Calif. |
| 986 | SUTHERLAND, Jon N. | 3747 Amaryllis Dr., | San Diego 6, Calif. |
| 985 | SUTHERLAND, Verne | 3747 Amaryllis Dr., | San Diego 6, Calif. |

ADDRESS CHANGES

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| 937 | BAER, Charles D. | P. O. Box 63, | Lompoc, Calif. |
| 599 | DODSON, Rear Admiral O. H., U.S.N. (ret.) | Director of the
Money Museum, National Bank of Detroit, | Detroit 32, Mich. |
| 679 | JOHNSON, Conrad H. | 295 Buckingham Way, | Apt. 704,
San Francisco 27, Calif. |

948	McNAIR, W. F. CWO USN (ret.)	P. O. Box 5, Bethel Island, Calif.
912	ROSS, John	2316 Talkington Dr., Flagstaff, Arizona
614	SMITH, Beverly Gayle	190 Chynoweth Ave., San Jose 23, Calif.

RESIGNATIONS

870	PISTOR, Mrs. G. E. J.	55 Elston Rd., Upper Montclair, New Jersey
634	PELTRET, Jennie Louise	1121½ Browning Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

DECEASED

165	OHLS, John E.	1519 39th Ave., San Francisco 22, Calif.
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership as of Sept. 30, 1959	659
Less members dropped for non-payment of dues	110
Paid up members (1959 dues)	549

WINN OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, JULY 1959

Balance from June 30, 1959.....	\$3,753.58	
Receipts:		
Dues	\$ 51.00	51.00
Disbursements:		
Ireland Direct Mail	35.06	
Winn Osborne, postage	5.16	
Coast Engraving Co.	12.11	52.33
Balance on hand July 31, 1959.....	\$3,752.25	

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, AUGUST 1959

Balance from July 31, 1959	\$3,752.25	
Receipts: None.		
Disbursements:		
Mrs. Dolly Ohls	\$ 7.80	
Coast Engraving Co.	8.96	
C. V. Kappen, editor's expense	12.50	
Globe Printing Co.	191.00	
Ireland Direct Mail	37.68	257.94
Balance on hand August 31, 1959	\$3,494.31	

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, SEPTEMBER 1959

Balance Aug. 31, 1959	\$3,494.31	
Receipts:		
Dues		93.00
		\$3,587.31
Disbursements:		
Winn Osborne, postage		5.00
Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1959	\$3,582.31	

T. KIRK HILL,
Treasurer.